

REAP Region 12 – Carroll Assembly Summary

February 23, 2006

Attendance: 65

Preferred projects by county

Audubon:

Camping cabins at Louifield Park.
Enhancements on the Highway 71 corridor project.
T-bone Trail completion.
Brayton City Park.

Carroll:

Water quality for all of the rivers in Carroll County and Swan Lake.
More universally accessible facilities.
Wildlife improvements.
Native plantings on private property roadsides, focusing on open spaces.
Trail development and maintenance.

Crawford:

Environmental education, nature centers, park developments including cabins etc.
Timber and natural resource land acquisition.
Watershed protection for county lakes.
Trail maintenance.
Historic restoration of buildings.

Greene:

Public land acquisition.
Educate people about the benefits of recreation to the local economy.
Marketing plan for the Raccoon Valley Bike Trail with Dallas and Guthrie counties.
Signage and maintenance planning for Raccoon River trails.

Guthrie:

Public land acquisition between Springbrook and White Rock, Redfield and Panora.
Trail connections.
Watershed work.
River trails and long distance equestrian trails.

Sac:

Education / nature center that could house county conservation board offices.
Sac Rail Trail expansion and improvements.
Land acquisition including Hallet Pits.

REAP Improvements**Audubon:**

Set a goal of new members for the REAP County Committee.
Notify county of REAP projects.

Carroll:

REAP County Committees need input from residents, open forum on county level.
Every entity that receives funding should be represented on REAP County Committee.
REAP County Committee meetings should be on the County Conservation Board's agenda.
REAP needs more funding. Start small with a tax on soft drinks.

Crawford:

Re-start REAP County Committee by seeking new people who are interested and want to serve.
Increase REAP County Committee meetings to monthly, but they must each have a purpose.
Push legislators for full funding of REAP.
Implement a 1 cent tax on water bottles and other outdoor equipment to go into REAP fund.

Greene:

REAP County Committee has committed to two meetings, the first is March 28th.
REAP County Committee meetings should be publicized.
REAP needs full funding for REAP, adjusted for inflation.

Guthrie:

Administrative duties of the REAP County Committees should be assigned to the County Conservation Board.
Lower funding = lower participation, Higher funding = higher participation.
The state should provide templates for REAP County Committee work.
Each conservation group should be represented on the REAP County Committee.

Sac:

The public needs to be educated about the REAP County Committee. This can be done through a push by soil and water districts, the DNR and other organizations such as PF.
REAP needs to be fully funded.
REAP should receive a portion of the sales tax.

Delegates to REAP Congress
To be held July 15, 2006 in Des Moines

Audubon:

Alternate: Dave Best

Carroll:

Steve Reinart

Kay Newmann

Alternate: Hubert Hagemann

Greene:

Brad Riphagen

Guthrie:

Mark Asmus

Sac:

Renee Stroud

Posters

There are posters which detail most of the REAP projects in your county in .PDF format. Please feel free to contact us for a copy of these files. You may use these files to print either 8.5 x 11 or 24 x 36 posters to educate county residents on what REAP has done for them.

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